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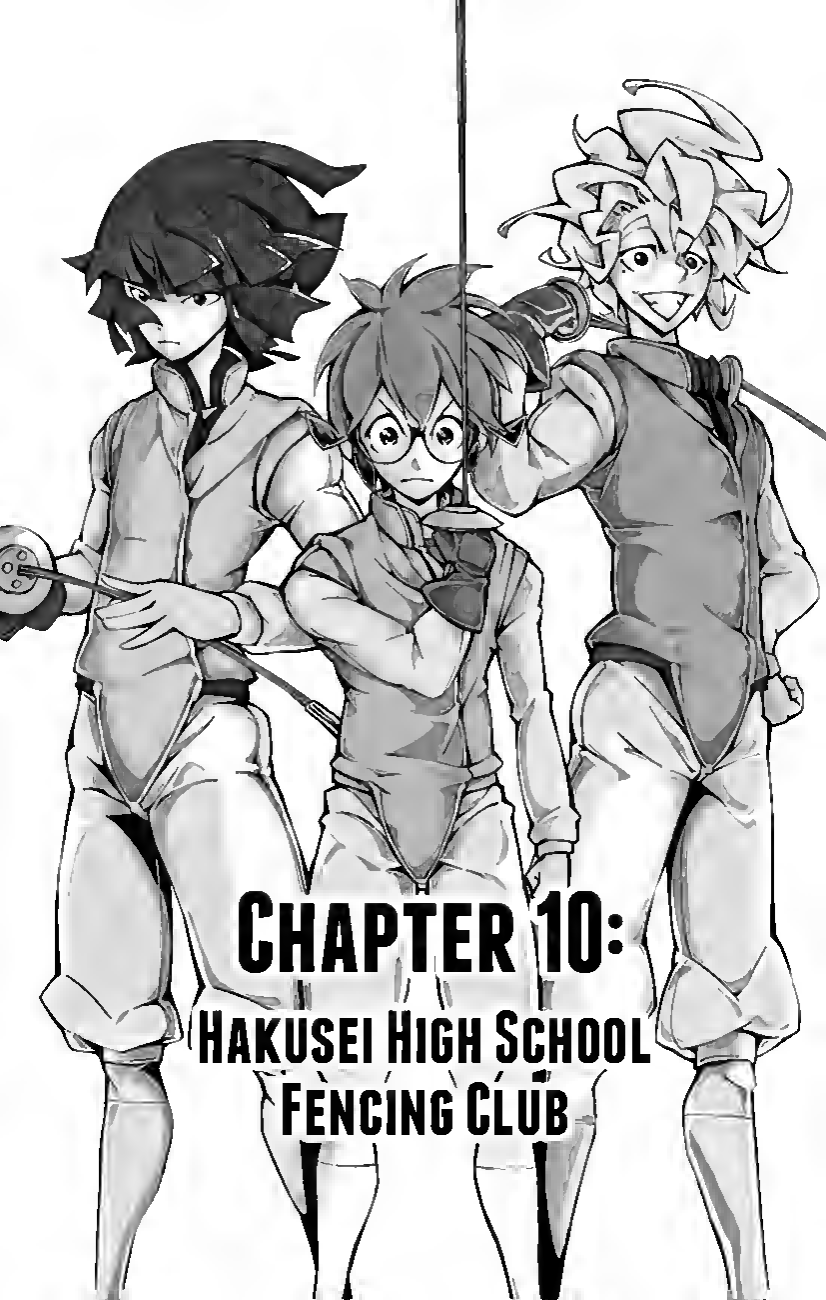


Chapter 10:
Hakusei High School Fencing Club

IN A CERTAIN FENCING SPECIALTY STORE...
SPORTS SHOP
FENCING
FENCING
ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT THE END OF APRIL
MEJIRO, TOKYO.
OOOH!
SHICHIOUJI HIGH SCHOOL HAS FOUR NEW MEMBERS?!!

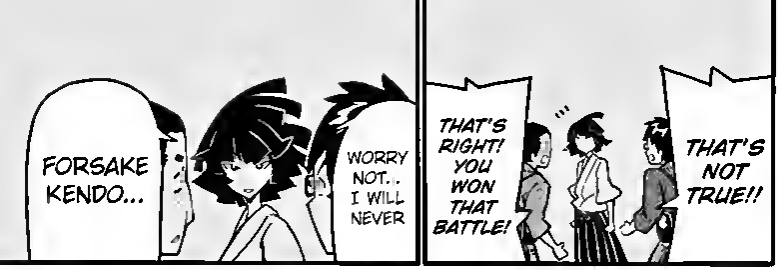
THIS SEASON'S REALLY BUSY...
AS A CRAFTSMAN I'LL SUPPORT YOU WITH ALL I'VE GOT SO BECOME AS STRONG AS YOU WANT!!
ALL THOSE SPARKLING NEW FENCERS COME HERE TO GET THEIR FULL ARMOR SET.
IT'LL BE HERE IN A BLINK OF AN EYE! SO DON'T SLACK OFF WITH THE PREPARATIONS!!
THE INTER-HIGH COMPETITIONS START AT THE END OF JUNE, AFTER ALL!!
YES!
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD FOR WHAT'S TO COME!!
!
MANAGER! I CUT THE CABLE OF THE SWORD!
AH, YES, YES!
EH? I DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT UNIFORM...
WHERE IS IT FROM?
!!!
AAH?!
FUUU...

!?
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS!
THAN.. THANK YOU.
WHAT... WHAT AN INCREDIBLE REACH!
I HAVE NO DOUBT, HE'S A FENCER WITH GOOD RESULTS
THAT SOFTNESS AROUND HIS HIPS AND THE DISTANCE OF HIS ROTATION ON TOP OF THAT HIS REACTION SPEED AND THE REACH OF HIS ARM
I'VE SEEN EVERY KIND OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR FENCER IN MY 30 YEARS AS THIS FENCING SHOP'S MANAGER, BUT
THERE'S NO WAY THERE'S A STUDENT I DON'T KNOW.
MAYBE HE'S HAD ALL HIS ACTIVITY OVERSEAS..?

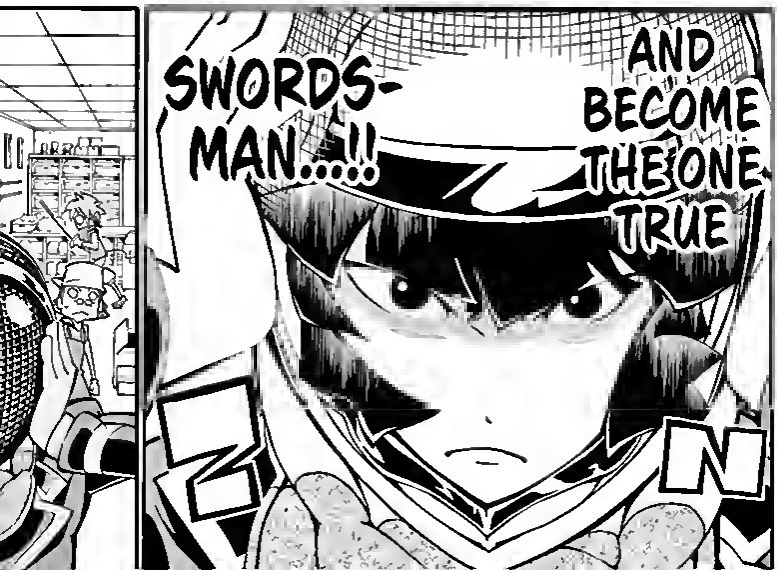
SO COOL! THEY SELL THE SWORD BY PIECES!
DOES THIS MEAN YOU CAN CUSTOMIZE THEM?!
!
ON THE BOOK FENCING FOR BEGINNERS
初めてのフェンシング
I CAN'T RECOGNIZE THAT KID'S UNIFORM EITHER
SEEMS LIKE THIS ONE'S A BEGINNER
WHEN I WENT TO THE DOJO,
EVERYONE HAD A CORD ATTACHED TO THEIR BACKS!
HOW DOES THIS WORK ...?
HMMMM
THESE ARE CORDS HUH ?
FUFU-FU!. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT ON. HE'S STILL YOUNG, HUH?

COME HERE!
EH?
THERE'S A SEQUENTIAL ORDER FOR PUTTING ON AN UNIFORM.
YOU HAVE TO PUT IT ON WHILE HOLDING THE CORD!!!
I... WAS PUTTING THE UNIFORM ON...!!
THE WRONG WAY...
OOH!
YOU LET THE CORD GO THROUGH UNDERNEATH THE UNIFORM
AND CONNECT IT TO THE SWORD, SO THE ELECTRICITY CAN PASS THROUGH, HUH?
UGH. NOW I WANT TO TRY AND USE IT...
FENCING IS...
AWESOME...!!

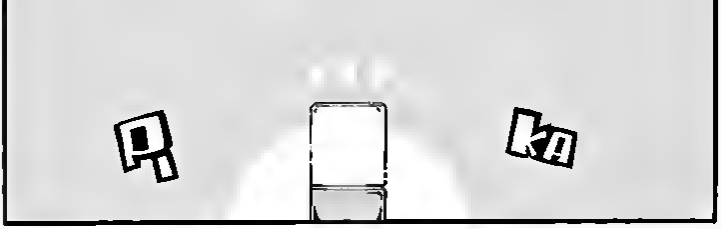
WHA... RURI?! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
A SAMURAI'S RESOLVE...
JUST IGNORE THAT INTRUDER!
WHY WOULD YOU DO FENCING?!
THAT BLOW WAS A TOTAL DISGRACE.
FOR SOMEONE WHO DESPISES THE WESTERN ARTS
YOU FLED FROM THE ENEMY.
A SCAR IN THE BACK MEANS...

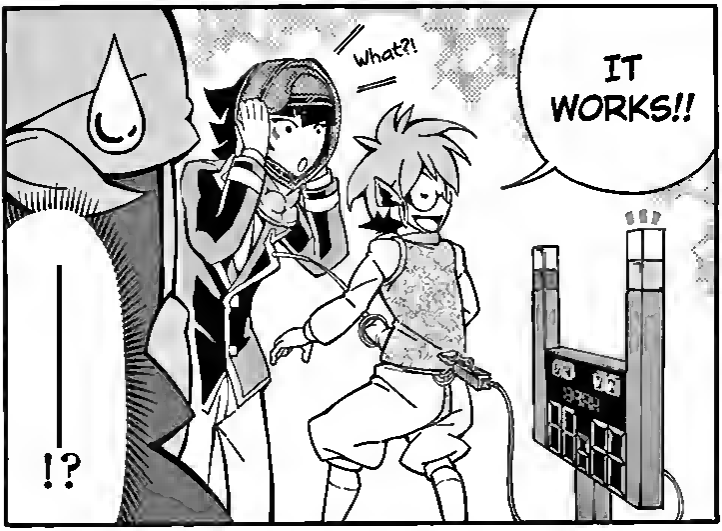

FORSAKE KENDO...
WORRY NOT.. I WILL NEVER
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU WON THAT BATTLE!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!!

FOR I'LL BE EXCHANGING BLOWS WITH A HIGH SKILLED SWORDSMAN
DO NOT WORRY.
RURI...
BUT, RIGHT NOW, I'M...
TREMBLING WITH EXCITEMENT.
THIS DEFEATED RURI... WILL MASTER FENCING...
PEOPLE OF THE KENDO CLUB PLEASE LOOK AT THIS.

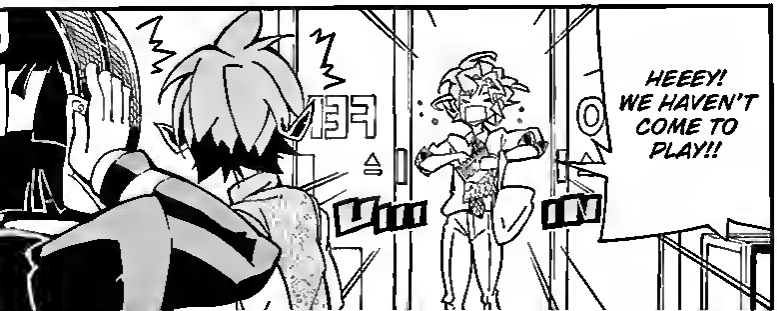

SWORDS-MAN...!!
AND BECOME THE ONE TRUE

THUN




What?!
IT WORKS!!
!?

THE WESTERN ARTS USE ELECTRICITY...?!
INCREDIBLE! THIS WAY YOU KNOW THE POINT COUNT!


HEEEY! WE HAVEN'T COME TO PLAY!!

DON'T MESS WITH ME.
EVEN THOUGH I CAME BECAUSE OF YOU...
DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN YOUR EQUIPMENT YET?
UH...
OOOH! WELCOME!
IF IT ISN'T DAIYA-KUN! THE MIDDLE SCHOOL RUNNER-UP!!
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU TODAY?
DID YOU ASK ME FOR SOMETHING...?
NAH, I'M GUIDING THOSE TWO TODAY.
NEXT TIME I COME I'LL LEAVE YOU IN CHARGE OF THE MAINTENANCE OF MY SWORD!

THOSE KIDS?!!
THOSE TWO...
GUIDING ...?

WHICH ONE SHOULD I CHOOSE?
HMMM... THERE ARE A LOT OF TYPES OF SWORDS...
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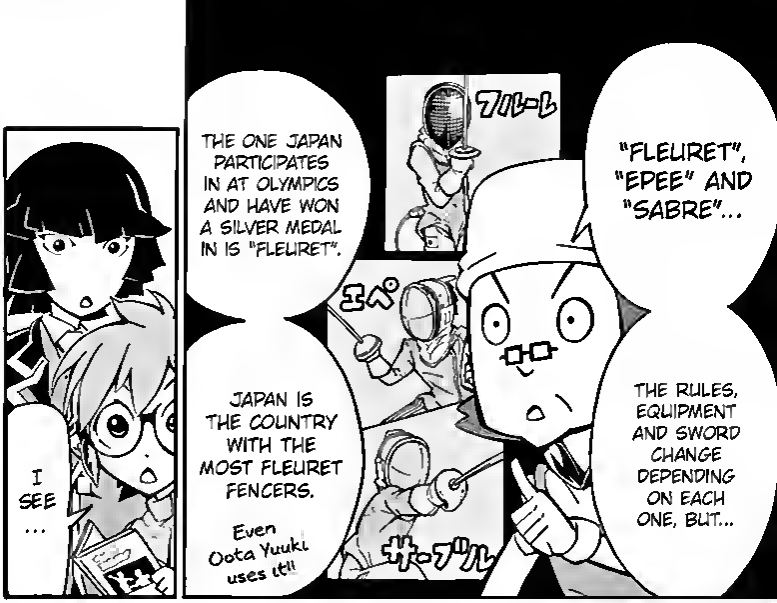
THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF COMPETI-TIONS IN FENCING
WE'RE USING A FLEU-RET!
FLEU-RET!!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"FLEURET", "EPEE" AND "SABRE"...
THE ONE JAPAN PARTICIPATES IN AT OLYMPICS AND HAVE WON A SILVER MEDAL IN IS "FLEURET".
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THE RULES, EQUIPMENT AND SWORD CHANGE DEPENDING ON EACH ONE, BUT...
サーブル
JAPAN IS THE COUNTRY WITH THE MOST FLEURET FENCERS.
Even Oota Yuuki uses it!!
I SEE...

DON'T THINK ABOUT TRIVIAL THINGS.
JUST BUY THE CHEAPEST FLEURET!!
WITH THE FLEURET, ONLY BODY BLOWS ARE VALID,
AND YOU HAVE TO RESPECT THE "RIGHT TO ATTACK"...
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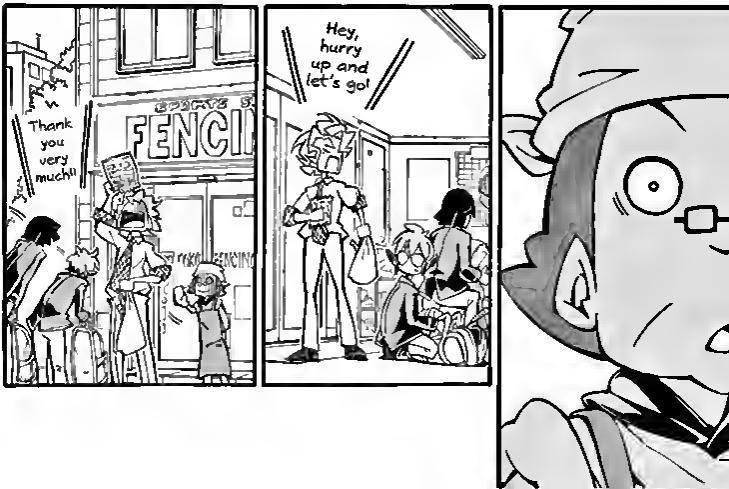
RIGHT TO ATTACK...? WHAT'S THAT?
I THINK I'M GOING FOR A SABER...
I WONDER WHAT'S SHINJI-SENSEI DOING...
I'M USING A FLEURET, SO YOU, TOO!!
YE... YES.
If we are in different types of competitions we can't form a team!!

AAH, WHAT A PAIN!!
I'll pick them!
THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE TEAM COMPETITIONS!
ALRIGHT, WE'LL TAKE THIS!!
MANAGER, THEY'LL BUY THIS!
YES, YES...
TEAM COMPETITION...?
THAT DAIYA-KUN...?
DAIYA-KUN, YOU WENT TO A SCHOOL WITH NO FENCING CLUB BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO DO IT ALONE, RIGHT?
YES, I WENT TO HAKUSEI.
BUT MY PLANS CHANGED.
unwillingly though
EH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT DOESN'T MATTER!! AFTER ALL, MY GOAL IS TO STAND OUT!!
OHO...
HAKUSEI HIGH SCHOOL WAS A HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT A FENCING CLUB...
I SEE, THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE UNIFORM...

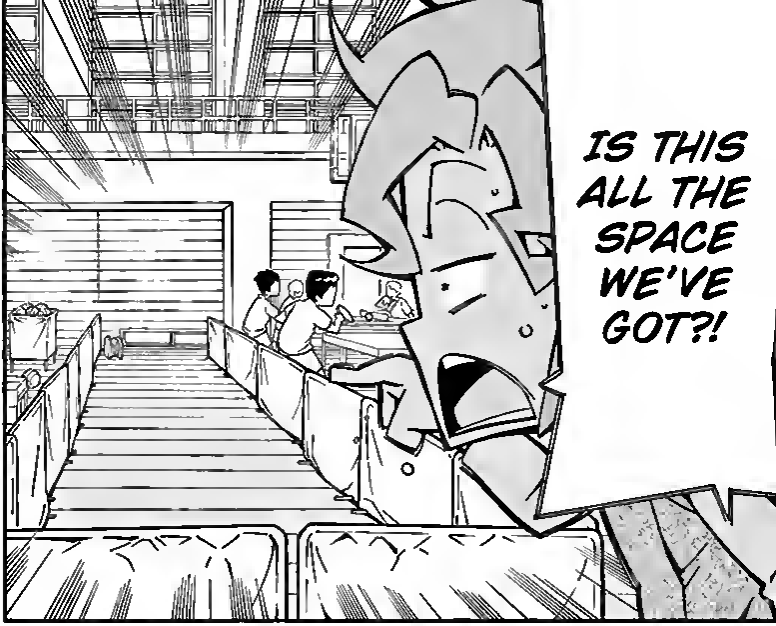
WELL,
IF I WIN WITH A HANDICAP, THE EFFECT WILL BE GREATER!
HANAMIYA-KUN, THE MAN WHO LED TWO NEWBIES TO VICTORY AND BECAME CHAMPION!

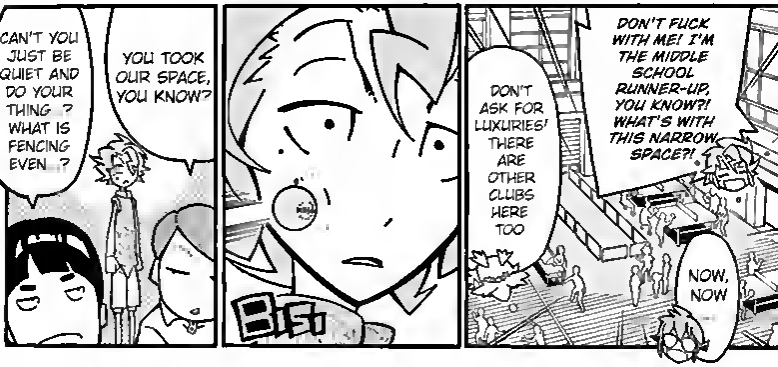

Thank you very much!!
Hey, hurry up and let's go!

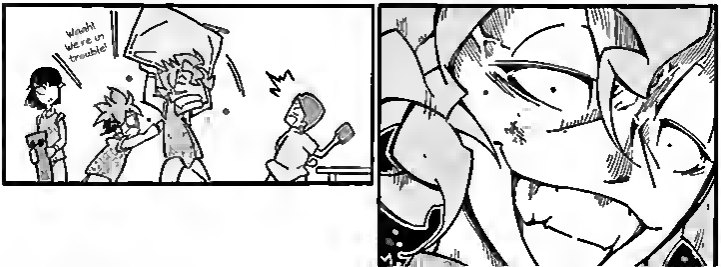
THAT OBSTINATE AND SELFISH DAIYA-KUN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS...?
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT...
N
SEEMS LIKE THIS YEAR'S PRELIMINARIES WILL BE HOT...!
HAKUSEI HIGH SCHOOL, HUH?
FUFU...

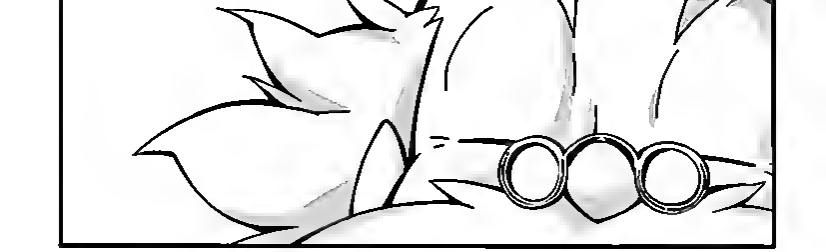
I'M REALLY...
EXCITED...!!!
HEY, HURRY UP!
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR US TO USE THE GYMNA-SIUM!!
I ENCOUN-TERED
FENCING!!
WITH THIS, I CAN FINALLY BEGIN FENCING.
I HAVE MY OWN EQUIP-MENT NOW...
ARE IN A DIFFERENT DIMENSION, BUT...
THESE TWO, SURELY...
BUT THEN...
I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE SLIGHTEST AMBITION...!
NOR HAVE I EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT IN MY DREAMS...
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A CLUB BEFORE IN HIGH SCHOOL.
UP UNTIL NOW, ALL I'VE DONE IS STUDY...

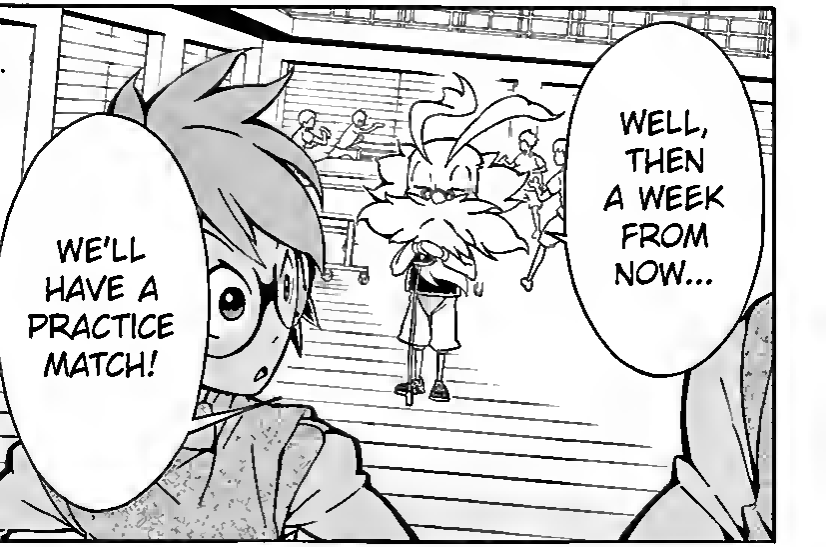
YES!
HO HO HO ...
SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE CHANGE CLOTHES!
WAIT A MOMENT...

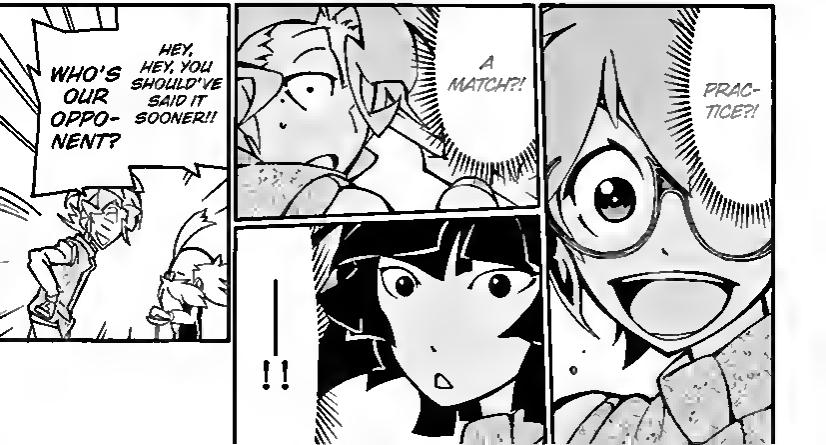

IS THIS ALL THE SPACE WE'VE GOT?!


CAN'T YOU JUST BE QUIET AND DO YOUR THING ? WHAT IS FENCING EVEN ?
YOU TOOK OUR SPACE, YOU KNOW?
BIG!
DON'T ASK FOR LUXURIES! THERE ARE OTHER CLUBS HERE TOO
DON'T FUCK WITH ME! I'M THE MIDDLE SCHOOL RUNNER-UP, YOU KNOW?! WHAT'S WITH THIS NARROW SPACE?!
NOW, NOW


Woah! We're in trouble!




WELL, THEN A WEEK FROM NOW...
WE'LL HAVE A PRACTICE MATCH!


PRAC-TICE?!
A MATCH?!
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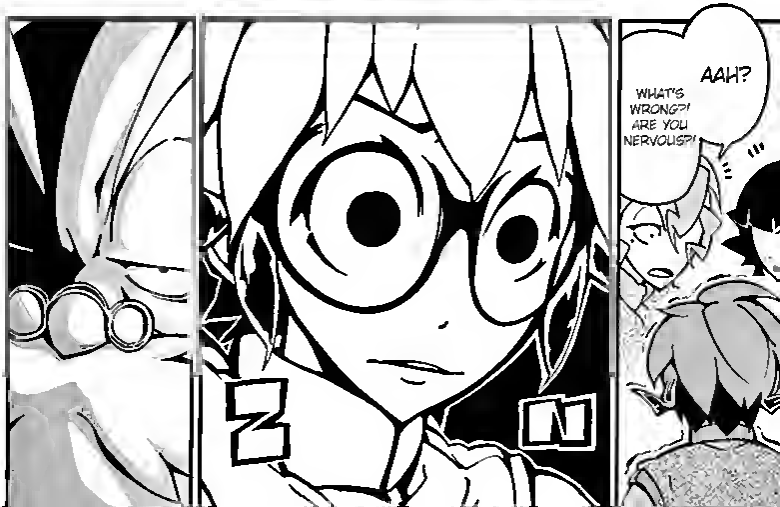
HEY, HEY, YOU SHOULD'VE SAID IT SOONER!!
WHO'S OUR OPPO-NENT?

KAISEI HIGH SCHOOL.

KAISEI... LAST YEAR THEY WERE THIRD IN TOKYO, RIGHT?
Oh
WHAT A RELIEF, OGANE!
YOU WON'T BE GOING AGAINST A NATIONAL OPPONENT RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!


AAH?
WHAT'S WRONG?! ARE YOU NERVOUS?!